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CAR SALESMEN GUILTY OF MISUSING A CUSTOMER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on May 6, 2003, ANTHONY COLE MATTHEWS, DOB 12/31/63, of Phoenix, Arizona, pled guilty to Misuse of a Social Security Number, a violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(B), in federal district court in Phoenix, Arizona.

MATTHEWS had been charged with four counts of violating Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(B). The indictment alleged that he falsely represented the Social Security Numbers assigned to others to be the Social Security Numbers assigned to him, in connection with an application for a residential lease, applications for employment at two different car dealerships in the Phoenix metropolitan area, and in connection with purchasing a 1998 BMW 328-I from one of the dealerships.

A conviction for this offense carries a maximum penalty of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Sentencing is set before Judge Stephen M. McNamee on July 17, 2003.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Secret Service.

The prosecution is being handled by Daniel R. Drake, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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